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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is Responsive to the Decision on Appeal mailed September 25, 2001. To date, no Notice of Abandonment has been received in connection with this case. However, during a routine review of the company patent portfolio, it came to our attention that a Decision on Appeal had been issued in this case, but due to the retirement of the attorney of record in the case, the Decision was unintentionally not considered or responded to. Therefore, despite the fact that no Notice of Abandonment has been received, it is Applicant's belief that the case was unintentionally abandoned. The entire delay from the date of abandonment to the date of the filing of the Petition to Revive

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was unintentional, and Applicant has submitted herewith a Request for
Continued Examination along with an Amendment to the claims and
corresponding remarks, designed to implement the Decision of the Board of
Appeals.